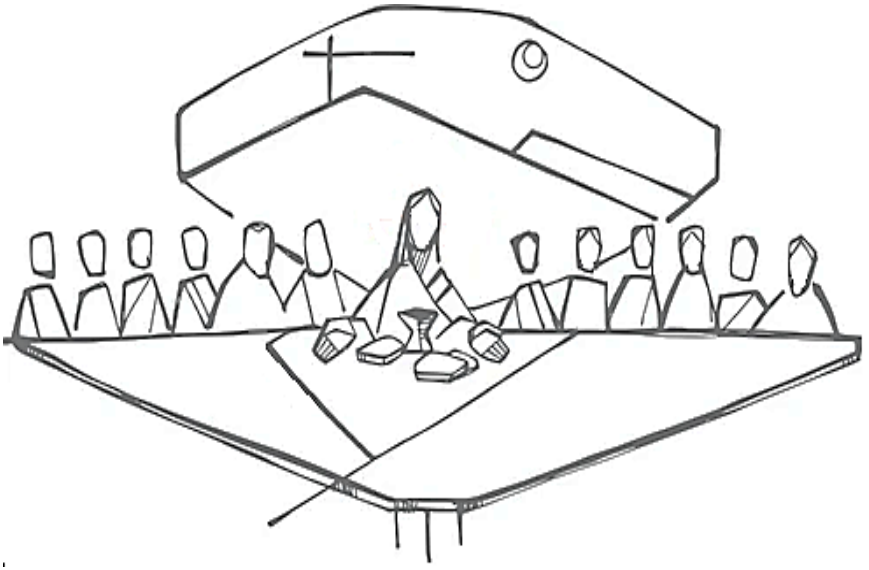
# The Communion Ordinances:

# WHY

# WE DO THESE THINGS



"Do this in remembrance of Me."—Luke 22:19b (ESV)

*Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania*

*Sunday, November 14th, AD 2021*

# The LORD'S Day

The Fourteenth Day of November, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In our studies in "**God & Government**," we examine the doctrinal shortcomings and flawed assumptions that lie behind the spiritually impotent "**Social Gospel"** movement that characterizes the activity of liberal & progressive churches that reject *"the Book, the Blood, and the Blessed Hope."*

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"* (#558)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"He Hideth my Soul"* (#219).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 13:12-17.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (#158).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"There is Power in the Blood"* (#268).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"WHY WE DO THESE THINGS."*

Closing Hymn:* *"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood* (#160)."

Benediction.*

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—4:00 PM.

Daniel ch. 4 is an awesome reminder that salvation is in the Hands of the Sovereign Lord, who can redeem whosoever He chooses (John 6:37, 44; 15:16)—even the most surprising of candidates (2 Chron. 33). It is thus important to PRAY for secular rulers—even the *wicked ones*!

## Today's Verses for Reflection:

"But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly."—I Cor. 11:28-29 (NASB)

**Week of Nov. 7-13, 2021**
Sunday School—10; Morning Worship—21
Midweek Prayer & Bible Study—6
Church Offering: $1,163.00

## Men's Meeting

Our Men's Meeting will be Mon., Nov. 15, at 6 PM.

## Christmas Gift Boxes

We are collecting donations for four Christmas Boxes this year. **Non-perishable food items** (which can be deposited in the vestibule) or **cash donations** (which will go towards the purchase of a gift card) will be accepted. Please forward your cash donations unto Don or Francis Beach. Boxes will be distributed on 12/22/21.

## Holy Communion this evening, at 5:30 PM.

Our Threefold Communion is open to all who are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation and who partake of the Ordinance in a reverent and worthy manner (1 Cor. 11:26-30).

# Quick Bible Facts on HOLY COMMUNION

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1. **Footwashing**: A symbol of Christ's present ministry of SANCTIFICATION—saving us from the **POWER** of sin.

**Where is it talked about?**: *John 13:1-17; 1 Timothy 5:10.*
**Its Authorization by Christ:** *John 13:3-6.*
**The meaning behind it:** *John 13:7-11.*
**The Command to keep on doing it:** *John 13:13-17.*

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2. **The Love Feast (or Lord's Supper)**: A symbol of Christ's future ministry of **GLORIFICATION**—saving us, ultimately, from the very **PRESENCE** of sin!

**Where is it talked about?**: John 13:2,4; 1 Cor. 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12.
***Not* identical to the bread and cup:** Matt. 26:20-29; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Cor. 11:20-22.
**The Apostles continued the practice:** 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Jude 12.
**The meaning behind it:** 1 Cor. 11:34; Rev. 19:7-10.

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3. **The Bread and cup**: A symbol of Christ's past ministry of **JUSTIFICATION**—saving us from the **PENALTY** of sin.

**Where is it talked about?**: Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-25.
**Its Authorization by Christ:** 1 Cor. 11:23-25.
**The meaning behind it:** Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:25-27.
**The Command to keep doing it:** Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25.